

city of santa barbara

Water Conservation Program

Water Conservation Programs & Resources

Programs



- **Lodging Efficiency Program**
Free water conservation promotional materials for visitor's rooms and staff training.
- **CA Landscape Budget Program**
Easily track irrigation water use with an online profile with free irrigation performance reports.
www.landscapebudgets.com
- **Smart Landscape Rebate Program**
Rebate of up to \$1,000 for irrigation equipment, smart irrigation controllers, water-wise plants and mulch. Free smart irrigation controllers available also for qualifying properties. Projects must be approved in advance

Give Aways

- **Rain Sensors** - automatically turn off irrigation controllers when it rains.
- **Shower Heads** - replace inefficient shower heads
- **Dye Tabs** - test your toilet for leaks
- **Hose Nozzle & Soil Probes** - free with a water check-up with City staff.

Rebates

- **Business Rebates**
High Efficiency Toilets - up to \$300
High Efficiency Urinals - up to \$300
High Efficiency Washing Machines - \$350
Commercial Waterbrooms - \$50
- **Smart Landscape Rebate Program**
Rebate of up to \$1,000
- **Residential Rebates**
Rain Sensors - Free or a \$50 voucher
High Efficiency Toilets - up to \$100
High Efficiency Washing Machines - up to \$150



Check for qualifying models at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/water before purchasing.

Web Resources

- **Water Wise Plant Data Base**
Easily search for water wise plant choices appropriate for our local climate.
- **Watering Calculator and Watering Index**
Determine how much and how often to water your garden, and easily change your watering schedule as the weather changes.



Green Gardener Program

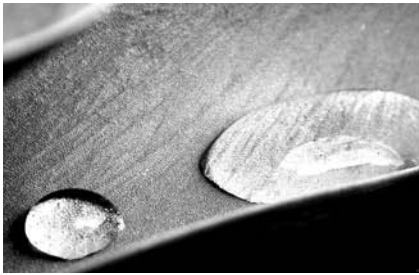
- **Green Your Garden**
Hire a "Green Gardener" or become a "Green Gardener" yourself. Training includes resource efficient and pollution prevention landscape maintenance practices. For more information, www.greengardener.org.

Water Check-ups

- **Water Check-up for Homes & Businesses**
City staff will come to your home and/or business to help you read your meter, check for leaks, evaluate all water uses and assist you in strategies for saving water.
- **Irrigation Water Check-up**
City staff will check efficiency of the irrigation system, develop an irrigation schedule and provide you with information on landscaping and irrigation technology.
- **Large Landscape Irrigation Evaluation**
Free for agricultural and large turf landscapes. Provided by Cachuma Resource Conservation District.



Water Conservation Hotline (805) 564-5460 www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/water



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Water Conserving Devices

Indoor

Fixtures and Appliances



- **High Efficiency Toilets (HET's)**
High Efficiency Toilets use just 1.28 gallons per flush or less. This is an improvement on common Ultra Low Flow Toilets (ULFT's) that use between 1.28 and 1.6 gallons per flush and non-ULFT's that use 5 to 7 gallons per flush. A High Efficiency Toilet will, on average, save 38 gallons per day when replacing a non-ULFT and 7 gallons per day when replacing a ULFT.
- **High Efficiency Urinals (HEU's)**
New urinals use significantly less water than their predecessors. Currently, most high efficiency models use just 0.5 gallons per a flush and some use as little as 1 pint per flush.
- **Waterless Urinals**
A waterless urinal can save up to 45,000 gallons of water per year. Many models have been approved under California's plumbing code. These urinals are included in the High Efficiency Urinal (HEU) category.
- **High Efficiency Clothes Washers (HEW's)**
A traditional clothes washer uses about 41 gallons per load. In comparison, a High Efficiency Clothes Washer uses about 50% less or 20 gallons per load. In addition, a HEW will use nearly 50% less energy per load than its traditional counterpart.



Outdoor

Landscape Irrigation efficiency

- **Smart Irrigation Controllers**
Smart Irrigation Controllers work on a simple principle: provide the appropriate watering schedule; adjust for weather changes; irrigate based on the needs of your landscape.
- **Rain Sensors**
A Rain Sensor automatically halts a home's irrigation controller from watering during and immediately after a rain event. These devices override a scheduled irrigation when the sensor on the shutoff device detects rainwater. When the collected rainwater has evaporated from the device, scheduled irrigations resume.
- **Rotating Nozzles**
These multi-trajectory nozzles for pop-up spray heads apply water more slowly and uniformly than conventional nozzles. This results in more precise watering while decreasing water usage by about 20%.

